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TO THE HONORABLE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

THE SOLAR ALLIANCE ("SA") hereby submits to the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") its comments to the Scoping Paper on feed-in tariffs, "Feed-in Tariffs: Best Design Focusing Hawaii's Investigation", issued by the Commission on December 11, 2008.

Comments:

1. SA believes that the amount that the utility must purchase under a feed-in tariff should be open-ended (available to all qualified renewable resource) and not capped.¹ The Commission should periodically review feed-in tariff levels so that orderly market development occurs and renewable energy targets are met, avoiding either over-or under-stimulating key market segments.

2. SA believes that feed-in tariffs should require the utility to purchase the

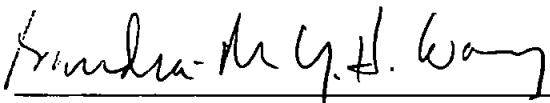
¹ Scoping Paper at 8.

renewable resource's gross output.² This will ensure full utilization of the renewable resource's output.

3. SA does not believe that net metering is a subset of feed-in tariffs.³ The objective of retaining net metering is to encourage the use of renewable energy by the consumer; while the objective of a feed-in tariff is to increase the supply of renewable energy to the grid. These are distinct, yet complimentary, to each other and, thus, should co-exist. SA would object to the elimination of net metering.

Respectfully submitted.

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² Id. at 12.

³ Id. at 1.

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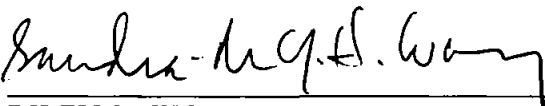
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